

# Gold Butte Recreation Analysis

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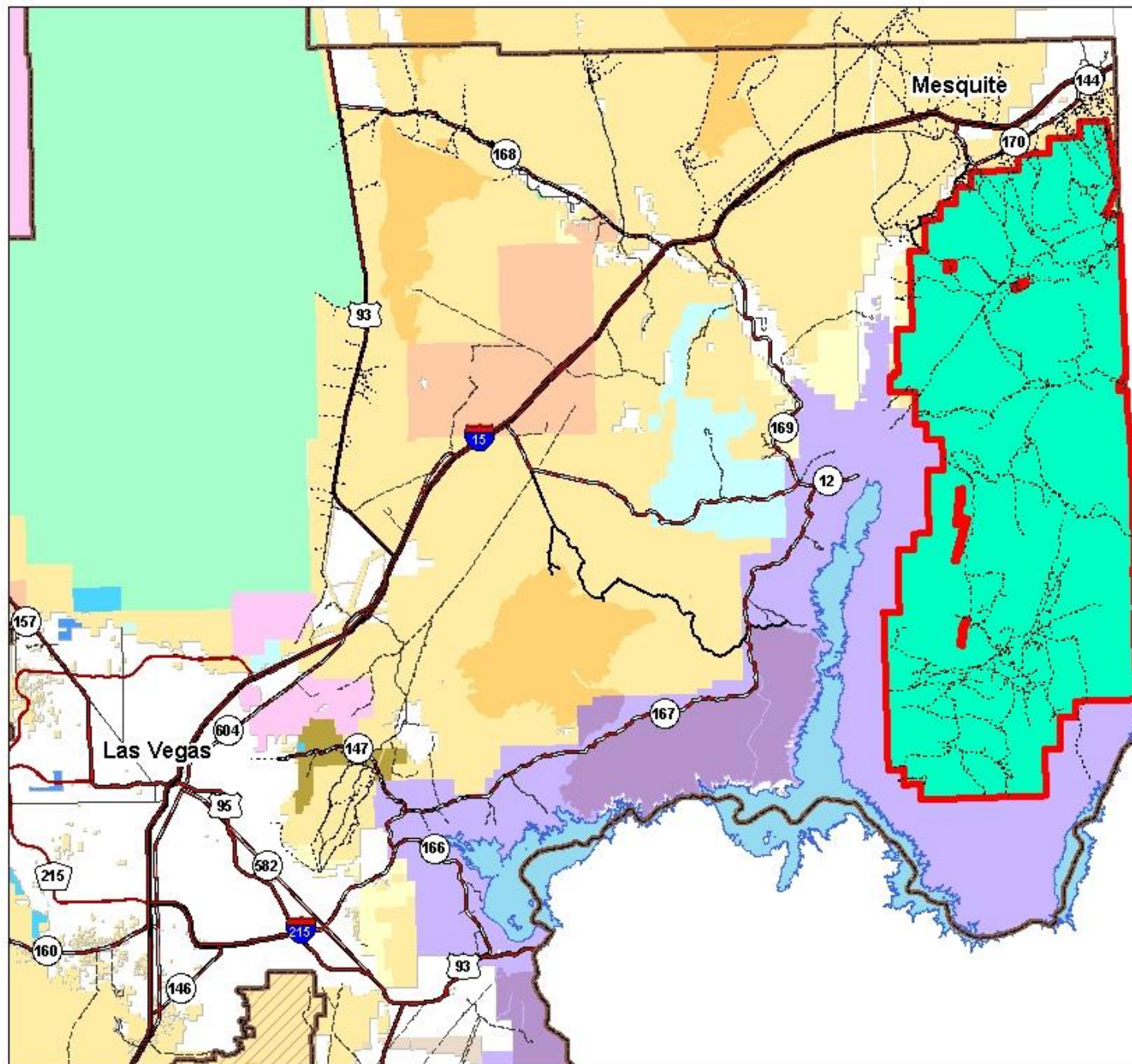


## Purpose:

- Gather information about non-motorized recreation in the Gold Butte Areas of Critical Environmental Concern
- Identify needs for capital improvements such as campgrounds, parking areas, and hiking trails
- Develop a range of alternatives for recreation improvements
- Inform a future Gold Butte Management Plan



# Gold Butte Areas of Critical Environmental Concern



- Legend**
- Gold Butte ACEC
  - STATUS**
  - Designated Route
  - Southern Nevada District Office
  - Lake Mead
  - National Conservation Area
  - BLM Wilderness
  - BLM Wilderness Study Area
  - Forest Service Wilderness
  - National Park Wilderness
  - Bureau of Indian Affairs
  - Bureau of Land Management
  - Bureau of Reclamation
  - City of Las Vegas
  - Clark County, NV
  - Department of Defense
  - Department of Energy
  - Fish and Wildlife Service
  - Forest Service
  - National Park Service
  - Nevada State
  - Private



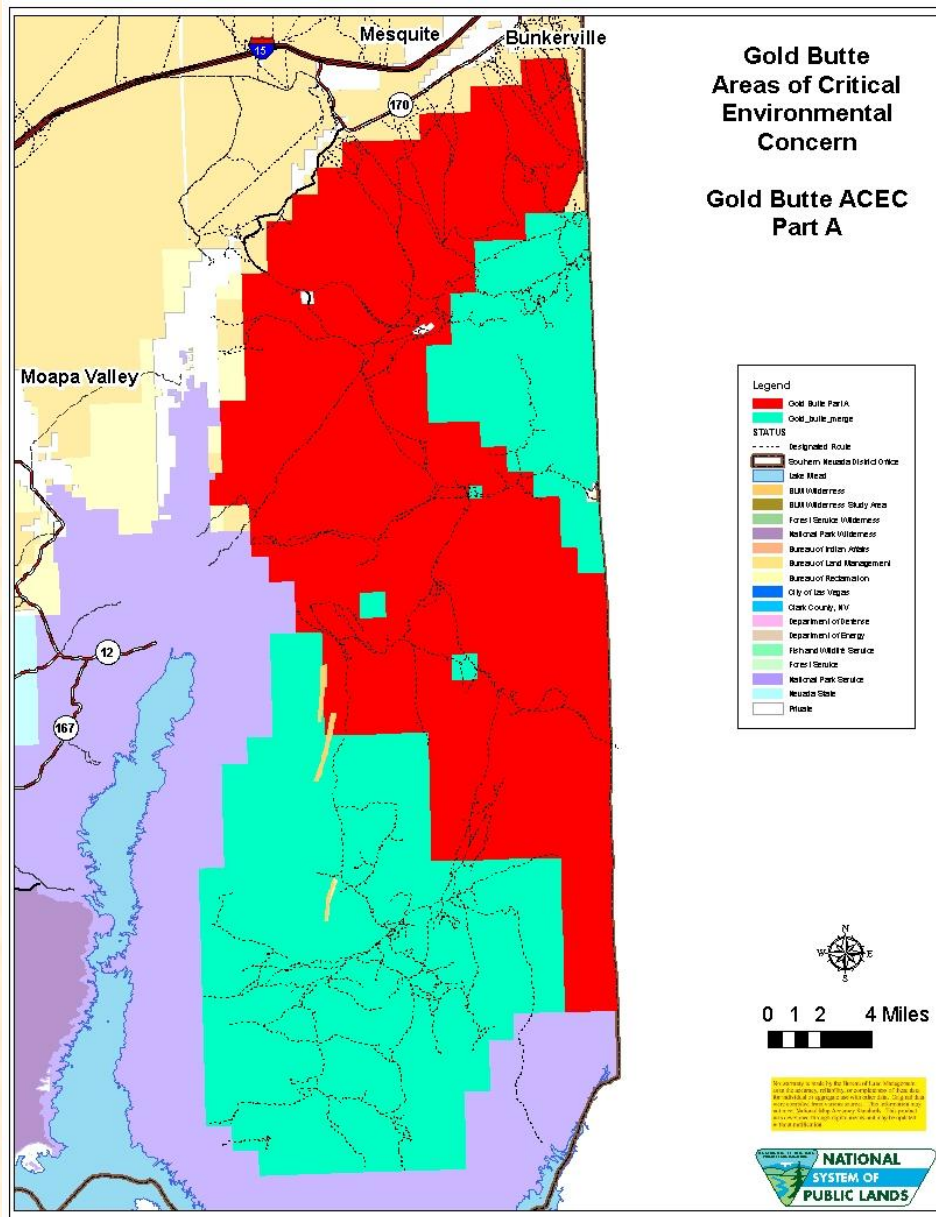
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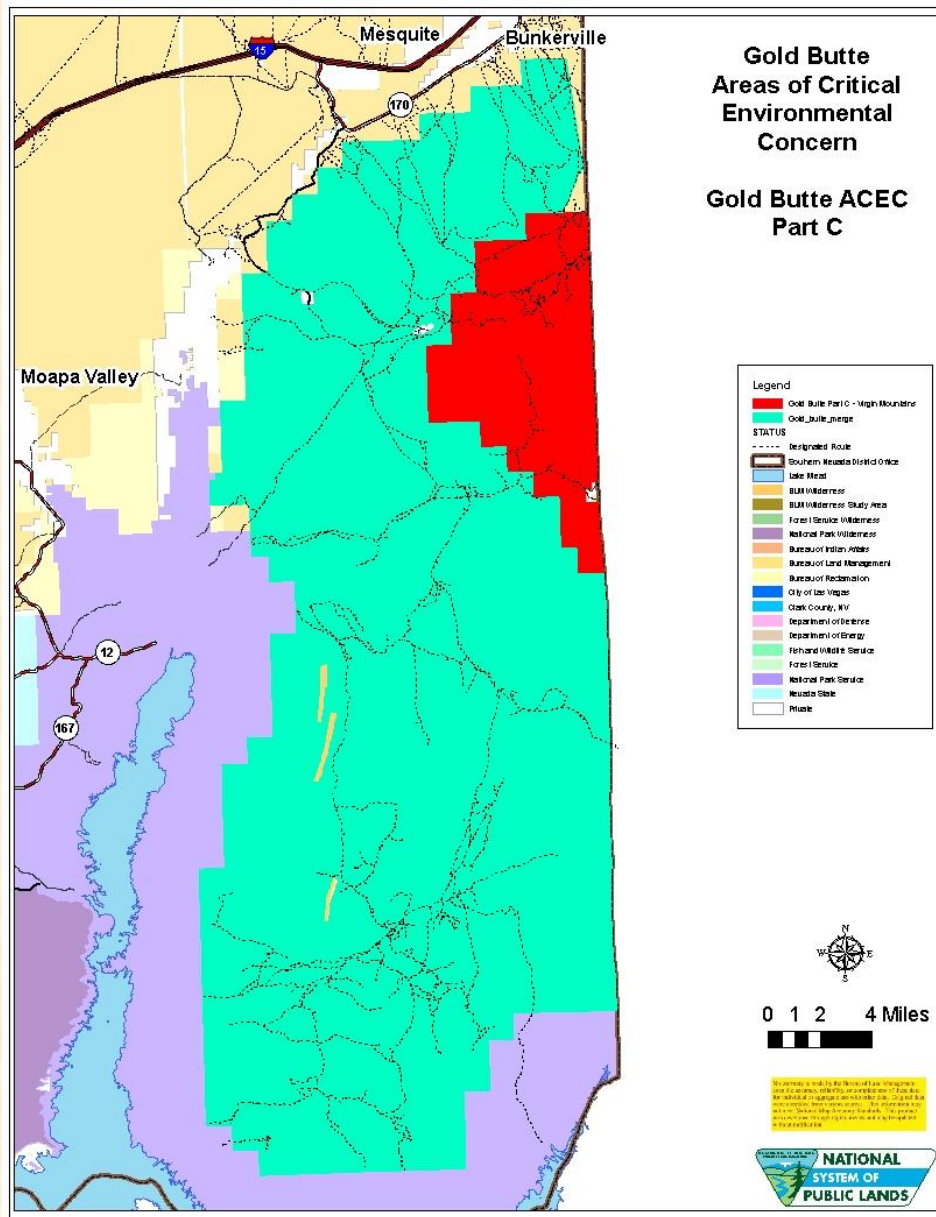
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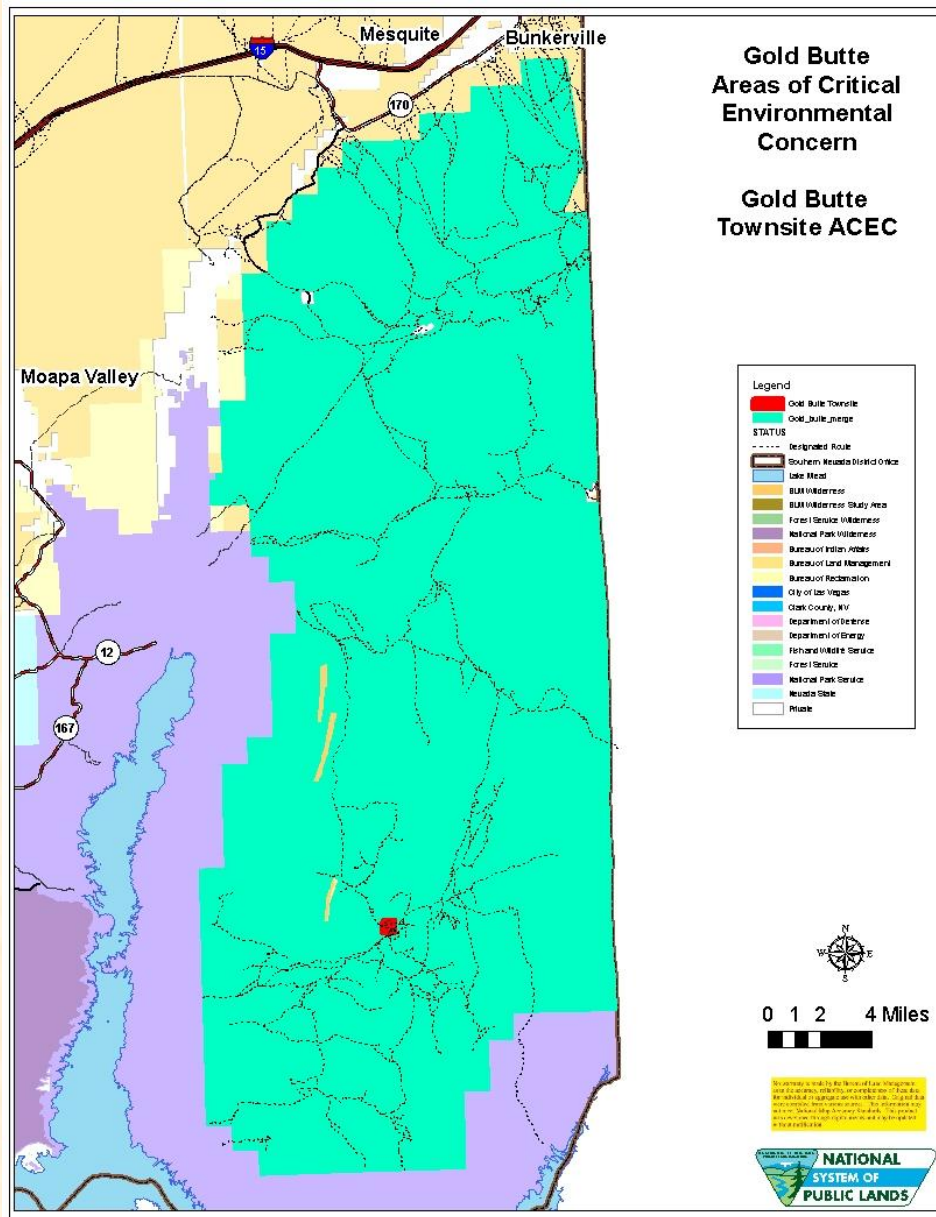
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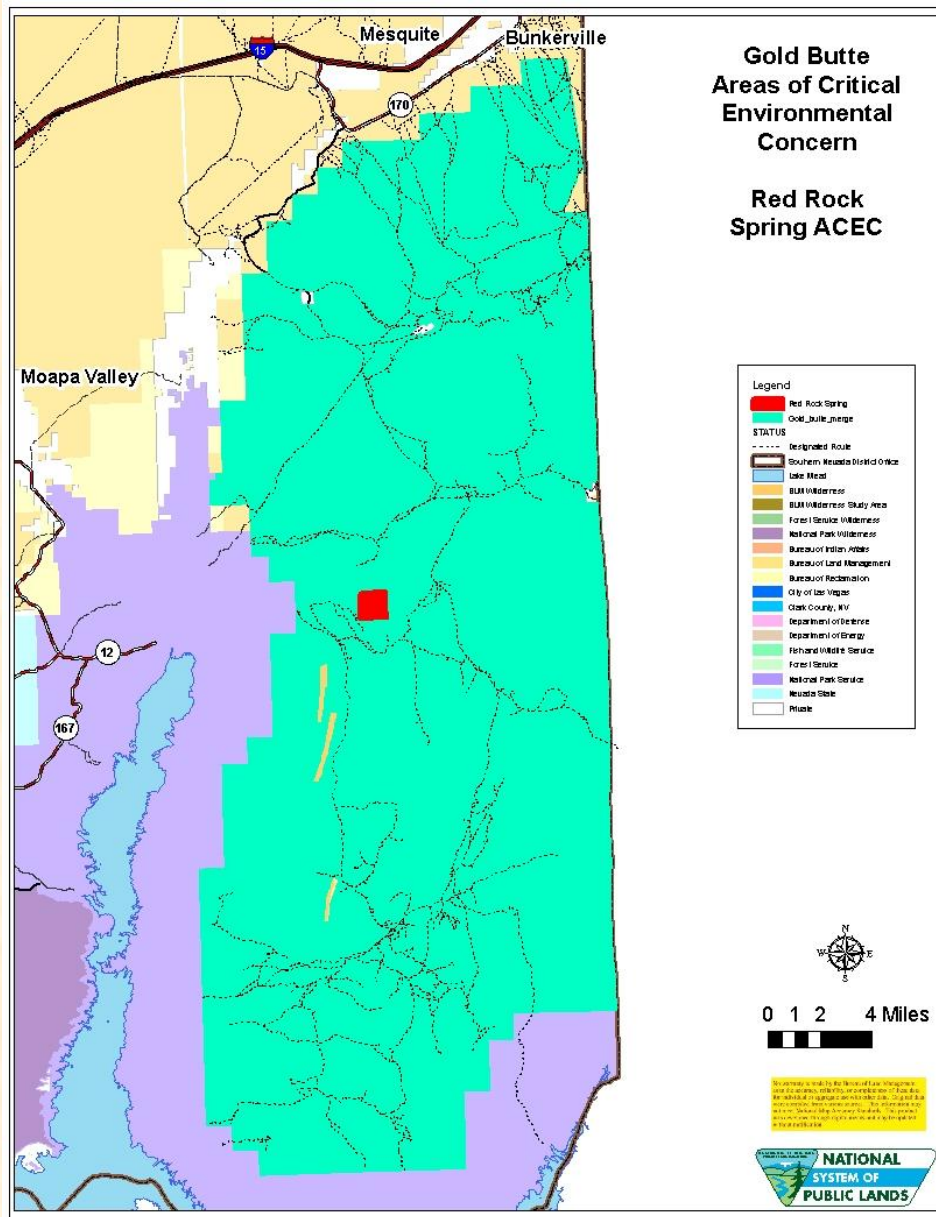
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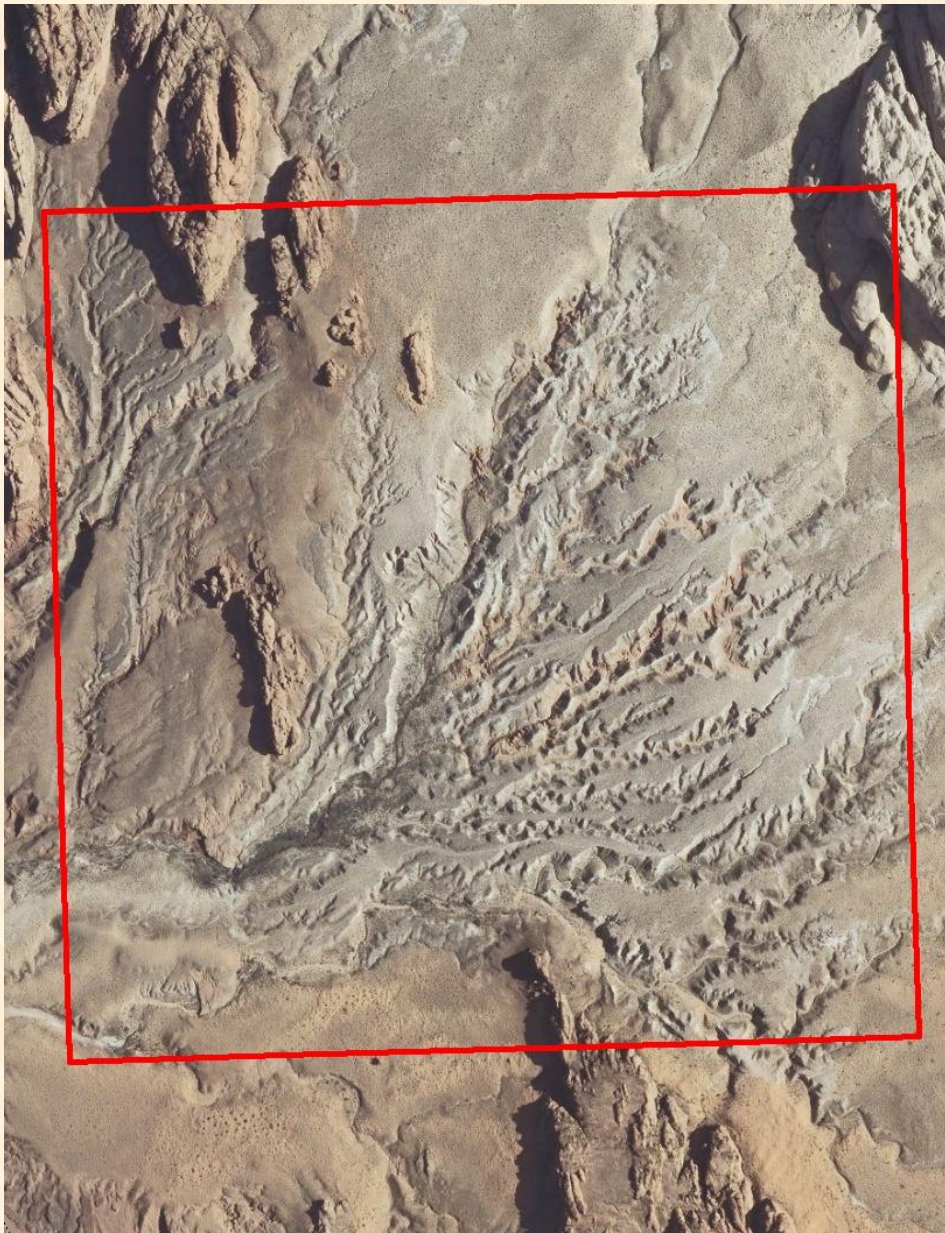
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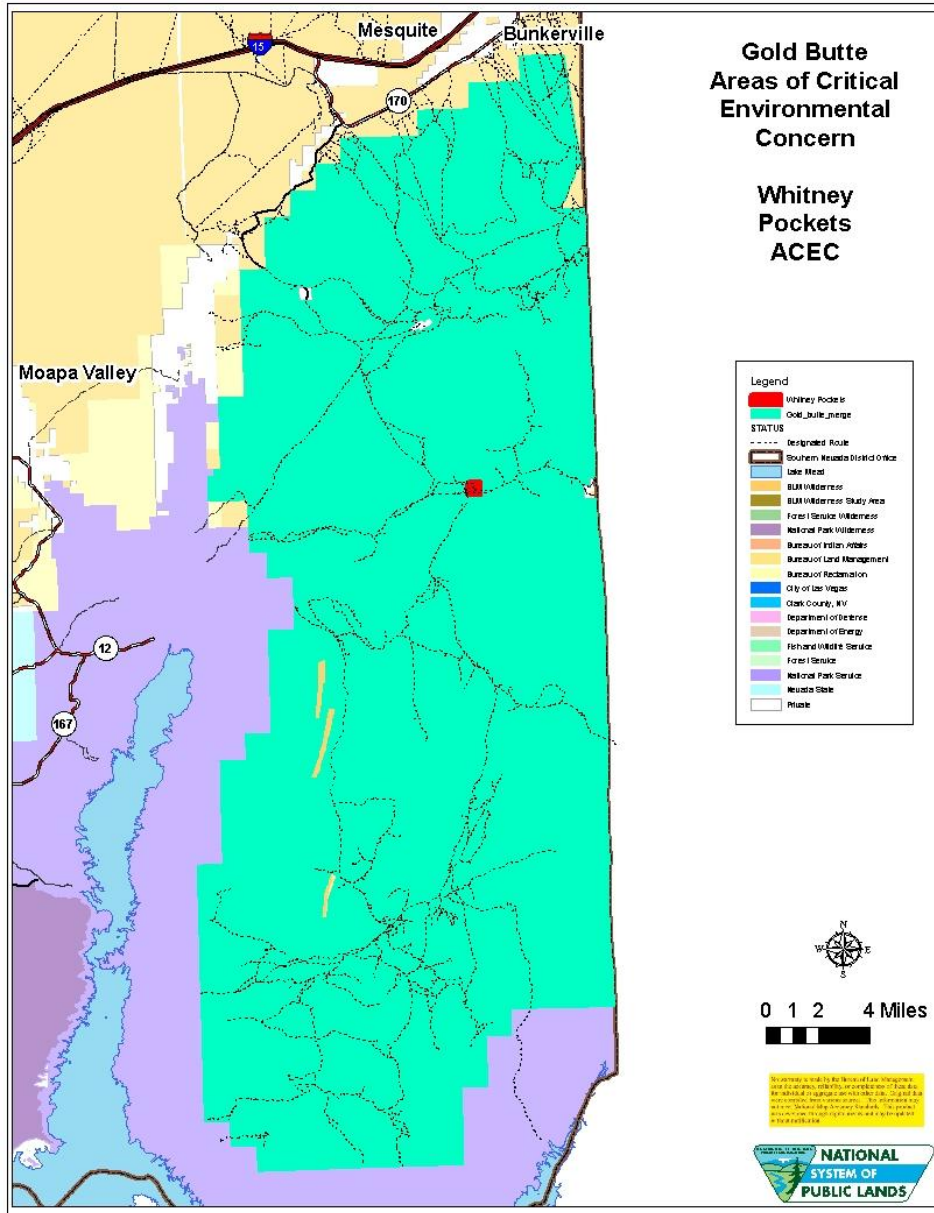
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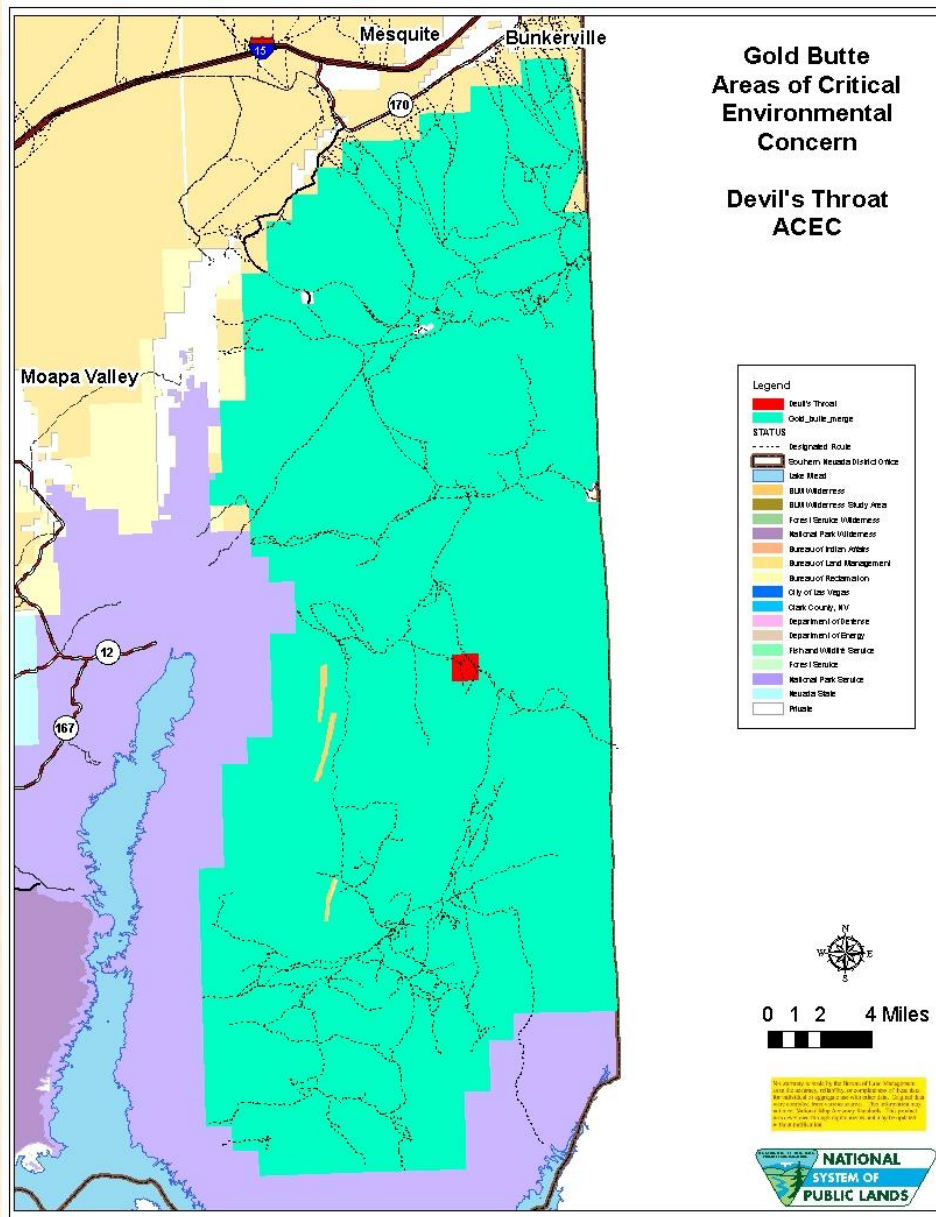
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## Completed:

- Designation of routes for vehicles and bicycles. This was completed in 2008.
- A cultural resources Class II inventory (statistical sampling) of the planning area.
- An Ethnographic Assessment for the project area.













# Community-based Non-motorized Recreation Planning



- Camping facilities
- Picnic areas
- Hiking and horseback trails
- Parking and staging areas
- Educational signs/exhibits



# Community-based Information

Members of the public and local municipalities are encouraged to collect information to inform this analysis.





# Community-based Information

Provide it to the BLM during the official scoping period which starts March 2012 and continues through April 2012.



Photo courtesy of PIC

What should I collect?



# Where do you camp?





# Where do you picnic?



# Where do you park?





# Do you use certain trails?



- Hiking
- Horseback Riding
- Mountain Biking



# Education



- Are there areas where signs would be helpful?
- What kind?
- What messages?





# Recreation Improvements



- Are there areas that should be improved?
- Where?
- In what way?
- For what use?



# Places to Restore

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- Historic sites
- Rock art
- Wildlife habitat
- Springs, guzzlers and other water developments



# Place Names



- Roads and destinations
- What is the source of the name?
- How long has the name been in use?





# Complements Other Current Planning Efforts



- Las Vegas & Pahrump Resource Management Plan (RMP)
- Las Vegas Recreation Area Management Plans (RAMPs)
- Lime Canyon & Jumbo Springs Wilderness Management Plan (WMP)

Your input on these planning efforts is also informing this Recreation Analysis

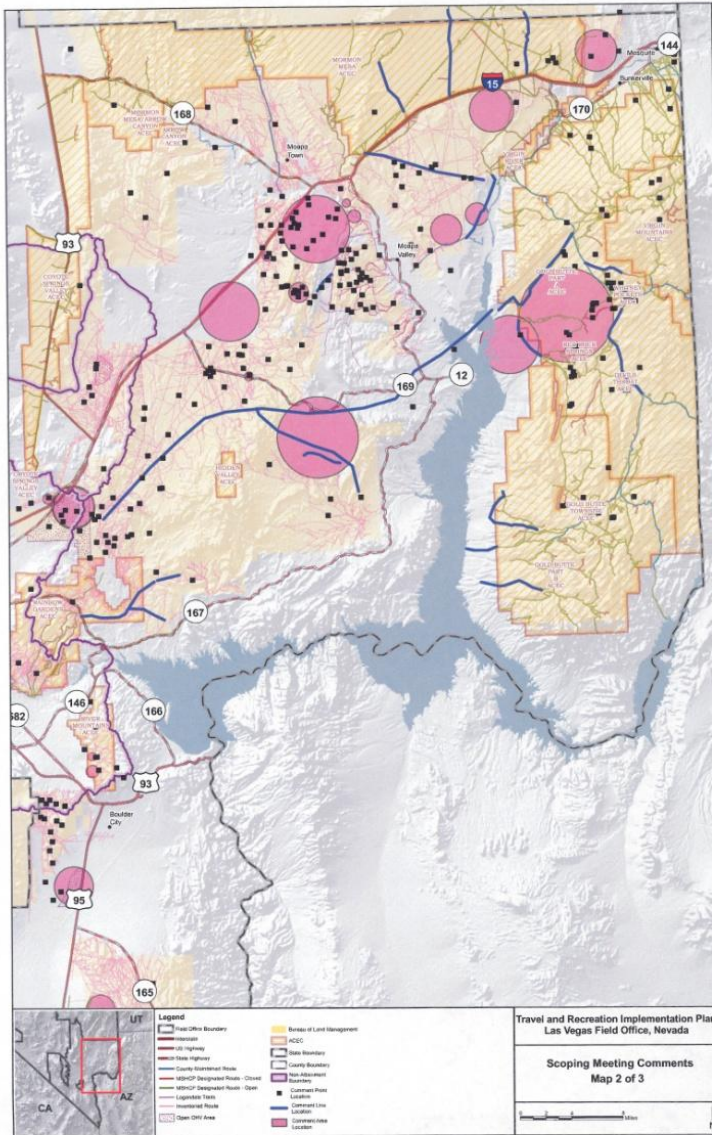


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# Existing Information



- RMP Revision public comments
- RAMP public comments
- Data collected by the public during road inventory and monitoring.



# Next Step – Open Houses



March 2012

BLM Las Vegas Office  
Mesquite  
Overton

60-day comment period -  
begins in March after the  
last open house.

*Bring your  
information and share  
it with us!*





# Next Step – Development of analysis



- Spring 2012 - BLM reviews public comments
- Summer 2012 - BLM develops a range of alternatives
- Draft Environmental Assessment for public review in autumn 2012



# Gold Butte Information

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